



ADELAIDE MEDICAL STUDENTS' FOUNDATION

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2016 Annual Report



AMSF Introduction

The Adelaide Medical Students' Foundation (AMSF) is a not-for-profit charity run by current students and past graduates of the Adelaide Medical School. Established in 2009, the Foundation has three core values guiding its work: benevolence, integrity and vision.

The Foundation exists to serve and support students at Adelaide Medical School at an individual, group and organisational level. It achieves this via the coordination of numerous scholarships, awards, and bursaries that encourage and acknowledge outstanding efforts made by Adelaide medical students. The Foundation also serves as a conduit between the Medical School and its graduates, providing a means for graduates to actively contribute to current students' experience via tax-deductible donations, and offering support for reunion celebrations.

The AMSF works closely with other established organisations, including the University of Adelaide and the Adelaide Medical Students' Society, to deliver these initiatives with maximum impact and minimum overhead costs.

During the 2015-2016 Financial Year, Foundation revenue grew by 10%, attributable to donations from past graduates, return on investments, and the generous annual contribution from the Adelaide Medical Students' Society.

We invite you to review our continued progress over the past year.

Governance

We thank the members of the 2016 Board of Directors for their collective efforts. In particular, we wish to thank Mr Ben Ielasi, who stepped down as Financial Director of the AMSF at the end of 2016. We also wish to thank Ms Caitlyn Sun and Ms Anna Grosse, who have reached the end of their respective terms.

Congratulations and welcome to the AMSF Board for 2017:

Professor Randall Faull (Patron Director)
Professor Helen Marshall (Graduate Director)
Dr Michael Higgs (Graduate Director)
Dr Sean Jolly (Graduate Director)
Ms Momina Allahwala (Student Director)
Mr Jarrad Hopkins (Student Director)
Mr Patrick Kennewell (AMSS Executive Director)
Mr Brian Nimmo (Financial Director)

Graduate Advisory Committee

The Graduate Advisory Committee (GAC) is the interface between the Foundation and the community of Adelaide Medical School graduates. Composed of doctors at all levels of training, the GAC provides a rich perspective that enables the Foundation to focus our efforts for optimum relevance and impact.

We thank the members of the 2016 GAC for their efforts, in particular Dr Christopher Harry, Chair of the 2016 Graduate Advisory Committee. Dr Harry will be continuing as Chair of the Graduate Advisory Committee in 2017. Our current GAC members include:

Dr Chien-Li Holmes-Liew
Dr Linda Watson
Dr Michael Higgs
Professor Suren Krishnan
Dr Christopher Dibden
Dr Kristen Pierides
Professor Randall Faull

Dr Michael Whiteman
Dr Karthik Venkataraman
Dr Thomas Crowhurst
Dr Samantha Iannella
Dr Sean Jolly
Dr Xi (Cicy) Li
Professor Helen Marshall

Student Committee

The Student Committee is an elected group of medical students whose role is to coordinate the student-oriented initiatives of the Foundation. We thank the 2016 Student Committee for their dedication and hard work and welcome the 2017 Student Committee.

2016 Student Committee:

Mr Stefan Court-Kowalski (Chair)
Mr Ian Tan (Secretary)
Mr Stephen Bacchi (Sponsorship Officer)
Ms Arrhchanah Balachandran (Scholarship Officer)

2017 Student Committee:

Mr Stefan Court-Kowalski (Chair)
Ms Bhairavi Parimalanathan (Secretary)
Mr Darcy Noll (Sponsorship Officer)
Mr Qetada Rana (Marketing Officer)
Mr Malcolm Borg (Scholarship Officer)



First Year Prizes

The Foundation is proud to welcome the incoming cohort of new medical students each year. In 2017, every commencing student was greeted with a letter from our Board Chair. Certain lucky students also received textbooks, courtesy of *Elsevier*, and a stethoscope generously donated by *Surgical and Medical Supplies* at Kensington Road.

2016 Awards

AMSF Recognition Award

The AMSF Recognition Award, presented at MedBall every year, recognises students who have made exemplary efforts outside the sphere of academic study. In 2016, ten nominations were received for seven nominees.

The 2016 recipient was Maud Taylor, who received the Award for her tireless efforts in the areas of global, environmental and refugee health. She is a founding member of the SA chapter of Crossing Borders, was instrumental in bringing the AMSA Global Health Conference to Adelaide for 2017, and has helped establish links between the medical school and Doctors for the Environment.

Intern Teaching Awards

The AMSF Intern Teaching Awards are student-nominated awards that recognise interns who have made outstanding contributions to medical students' learning. In 2016, we received an incredible 38 nominations for 30 nominees across the four main teaching sites in Adelaide. The four recipients were presented with their awards at the MBBS Declaration Ceremony. The 2016 awardees were:

Dr Morgan Pettman (Modbury Hospital)
Dr Laura Goodwins (Queen Elizabeth Hospital)
Dr Samantha Iannella (Royal Adelaide Hospital)
Dr Kay (Ching) Li (Lyell McEwin Hospital)

Congratulations to the recipients and all of the interns nominated.



Travel Scholarships

AMSF Travel Scholarships have supported Adelaide medical students' electives across the globe, including placements in Africa, Asia, South America, the UK, Europe, and the Middle East. Each year, these \$1000 scholarships provide funds to support multiple students expanding their horizons for personal and professional development. Reports from their travels are available on our website.

2016 Recipients

Cathie Hilditch and Kate Duncan travelled to Amana Municipal Hospital and Kidodi Village Healthcare Centre in Tanzania. While there, they learned a great deal about the delivery of obstetric care in resource-poor settings.



Rebecca Dickinson took herself out of her comfort zone with two weeks of expedition medicine exposure in Quepos, Costa Rica. She developed skills in river, jungle, and cave rescue environments and managing acute crises in remote settings.



Graduates of '64 Travel Scholarship

The Adelaide Medical School graduates of 1964 generously sponsored the creation of a named Travel Scholarship, which in 2016 was awarded to Matthew Borg for his placement at Western Visaya Medical Centre in the Philippines.

Electives that will be supported by the Travel Scholarship in 2017 include:

Megan Meredith: *London Air Ambulance and the Royal London Hospital, London, UK*

Alicia Callisto: *St Mary's Hospital, London, UK*

Dhiren Dhanji: *Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, UK*

Stuart Brown: *Kaski Sewa Hospital & Research Centre, Pokhara, Nepal*
(Graduates of '64 Travel Scholarship)

Kildea Prize

Introduced in 2014, this prize is named after Dr Hugh Kildea, the former Clinical Skills Coordinator of the Adelaide Medical School. Responsible for revolutionising this programme, Dr Kildea placed great emphasis on clinical reasoning, and this prize is awarded to the medical student who has achieved excellence in First and Second Year Clinical Skills.

In 2016, this prize was awarded to Kate Richards.



Graduates' Event

The Foundation was pleased to sponsor the first event of the 2016 Graduation Week calendar, the AMSF Cocktail Evening at the Hotel Richmond. Eighty members of the graduating class joined us for a celebration of all their endeavour and achievements over their time at Adelaide Medical School. We wish them well as they enter the next phase of their careers and look forward to a sustained relationship with them as graduates.

In previous years, the Foundation has supported a range of events including the AMSS Past Presidents' Event, the Dr Kildea Farewell Dinner, the AMSS 125th Anniversary Gala Ball, and the 'Back to Medical School' Gala Dinner.



Photographer: Mendel Au



AMSF Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent Fund seeks to provide financial support to Adelaide medical students. The fund has two streams:

- *Financial Assistance Stream*, to assist students in financial need; and a
- *Personal and Community Development Stream*, to financially support medical students who seek to engage in activities aimed at personal or community development.

During the calendar year of 2016, the Foundation provided financial assistance of \$3800 to five students.

The Benevolent Fund is designed to be as flexible and accommodating as possible, and previous recipients have been funded for a diverse range of pursuits. These have included the AMSA National Leadership and Development Seminar, the North American Refugee Conference, the International Federation of Medical Students' Association General Assembly, community volunteer projects both locally and abroad, and a range of research conferences.

New in 2017

Research Conference Grant

The University of Adelaide has a robust research output and a significant presence in the global scientific arena. The Foundation is pleased to announce our Research Conference Grant, commencing in 2017, which will assist students to present their research at national or international scientific meetings. With multiple funding rounds over the year, up to \$1000 will be provided to defray the associated costs.

Student Teacher Award

Adelaide Medical School enjoys a uniquely strong culture of peer education and mentorship. The Foundation is delighted to encourage and recognise excellence in this space with the introduction of our Student Teacher Award. Driven by nominations from the student cohort, senior students who have devoted significant time and energy in teaching their junior peers will be acknowledged with a formal award presentation at their Declaration Ceremony.

New Website

February 2017 will see the unveiling of our new website, which will showcase our various initiatives and provide easy access for donations and mailing lists.

Support Us

You can help support the growth of current and future University of Adelaide medical students by making a once-off or recurring tax-deductible donation. We gratefully receive financial donations of any size.

Every cent of donations goes toward AMSF scholarships, awards, and bursaries. The Foundation operates solely on a volunteer basis and is kept completely cost-neutral. Donors can decide to contribute to the Foundation in general, to a specific pre-existing initiative, or indeed to create an entirely new disbursement. Donations can be made at amsf.org.au

The AMSF wishes to thank our donors in 2016:

Professor Randall Faull
Professor Helen Marshall
Parkside Cosmetic Surgery
Dr Thomas Crowhurst
Dr Adam Nelson
Dr Mee Y Ling

Stay in Touch

For more information about the Adelaide Medical Students' Foundation, please visit our website, amsf.org.au

To receive ongoing information about the Foundation's activities and initiatives, please sign up by completing a *Graduate interest Form* available on our website. All graduates are also welcome to attend meetings of our Graduate Advisory Committee.

Updates are also available via Facebook by 'liking' our Facebook page: facebook.com/amsfoundation

If you have any further questions about how to get involved with the Foundation, ways in which you can contribute or if you have any ideas for future Foundation projects to support medical students, please email our Secretary at: secretary@amsf.org.au

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